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Fecal Waste Management
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Union Government for the disposal of toilet waste in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several health issues are noticed due to unhygienic fecal waste disposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) and (b) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), various technological options for household toilets are available, which ensures the safe disposals of human excreta.

(c) and (d) Unhygienic fecal waste disposal can cause both acute and chronic health issues like diarrohea, jaundice and under-nutrition. A key cause of child under-nutrition is a subclinical disorder of the small intestine known as tropical enteropathy. This is caused by faecal bacteria ingested in large quantities by young children living in conditions of poor sanitation and hygiene. The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) has been launched on 2nd October, 2014, which aims at attaining Swachh Bharat by 2nd October 2019. Under this programme, the States are provided technical and financial guidance to accelerate rural sanitation coverage, including reduction in Open Defecation and promotion of solid and liquid waste management. The focus of the scheme is on behavior change and usage of toilets. The term Open Defecation Free has been defined as termination of faecal-oral transmission by (a) no visible faeces found in the environment/village and (b) every household as well as public/community institutions using safe technology option for disposal of faeces.
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